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### NOTIFICATION

The 15th March, 2017

**No. FRS-54/2008/301.-**

Minutes of the Meeting held at 3.30 pm on 02-03-2017 in the Conference Room of the Hon'ble Minister, Environment and Forests, Assam on issues relating to encroachment inside amchang Wildlife Sanctuary.

The meeting was presided over by Smti. Pramila Rani Brahma, Hon'ble Minister, Environment and Forests, Government of Assam.

At the outset Hon'ble Minister welcome all the members present.

As directed by the Hon'ble Minister Sri D. D. Gogoi, IFS, Conservator of Forests initiated the discussion and described the back ground of the issue. He said that as per the judgement of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court dated 13/02/2017 in a PIL (*Suo moto*) Case No. 27 / 2013 it is imperative to initiate eviction in the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary within six weeks of time from the date of issue of the judgement. He further stated that there are about 24 locations inside the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary where eviction has to be carried out.

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Environment and Forest Department suggested for an action plan for the eviction to comply with the Order of Hon'ble Gauhati High Court.

Sri D. D. Gogoi, IFS stated that there is apprehension of organised and stiff resistance from the encroachers during the eviction and therefore it is proposed for setting up of four camps in advance in four strategic locations within the Wildlife Sanctuary for deployment of Forest Personnel and Armed Police Forces. He further stated that 4 different groups for carrying out eviction under the provision of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, would be created which would be headed by 4 different ACFs and supported by Forest Rangers, Deputy Rangers, Forester-I and Forest Guard apart from adequate labour and security personnel. Furthermore, he stated that Domesticated Elephants, Bulldozers and Trucks would also be engaged while carrying out the operation. The entire operation will be closely supervised by DCF and other Senior Forest Officers in the rank of CF, CCF & Addl. PCCF with Senior Police Officers.

Sri Mukesh Agarwal, IPS, Addl Director General of Police participating in the discussion stated that once police gets the proper action plan, input on likely resistance and violence tendency of the encroachers group, Police would calculate the required police force and logistics and would be made available to the Forest Department accordingly for carrying out the eviction drive. He further suggested to make suitable strategy to complete the entire eviction operation within a period of 5 to 6 days time.

Hon'ble Minister, Environment and Forests stated that proper action plan and strategy is a must so that eviction is effectively carried out within a very short period of time.

Sri Mahadananda Hazarika, IAS, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Home and Political Department stated that proper briefing to the media is to be done so that actual message goes to the people. He further stated that post eviction strategy also required to be prepared to maintain domination in the area after the eviction.

Sri Mukesh Agarwal, IPS, Addl. DGP stated that prepositioning of actual man power including labour is also to be ensured for carrying out eviction from early morning. Adequate infrastructures with other facilities should be created for camping of labourers in situ during the period of eviction.

Considering all the aspects including proper enumeration, survey, preparation of action plan and strategy, it was decided that tentative date for carrying out the eviction may be fixed during the period from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017.

Hon'ble Minister suggested that all the works should be carried out in war footing and requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force to come up with all detail as discussed above at the earliest possible time for discussion in the next meeting. Hon'ble Minister further requested all the members to prepare their respective plans targeting the period of action from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2017.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

## List of Officers present:-

- 1 Smti. Pramila Rani Brahma, Hon'ble Minister, E & F, Assam
- 2 Shri Paban Kumar Borthakur, IAS, Principal Secretary, Environment & Forest Department
- 3 Shri Mukesh Agarwal, IPS, Addl. Director General of Police ( Law & Order ), Assam
- 4 Shri Bikash Brahma, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Wildlife, Assam
- 5 Shri D. Haraprasad, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest ( T ) LAZ, Assam
- 6 Shri Mahadananda Hazarika, IAS, Secretary, Home & Political, Assam
- 7 Shri H. Nath, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Guwahati
- 8 Shri Mahesh Mishra, IPS, DCP, East District, Guwahati
- 9 Shri Ali Askar, ACS, Secretary, Environment & Forest Department
- 10 Shri Narayan Mahanta, IFS, OSD, Environment & Forest Department
- 11 Shri D. D. Gogoi, IFS, C F, O/o the PCCF Wildlife, Guwahati
- 12 Smti. P. Majumdar, ACS, ADC, Kamrup, Metro
- 13 Shri Pradipta Baruah, DFO, Guwahati Wildlife Division
- 14 Shri D. Kalita, ACF, O/o the PCCF ( T ) LAZ, Guwahati

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